

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

FARMER DISAPPEARS.

Draws Dividends and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—Since drawing his semi-annual dividends from the Manchester National Bank last Tuesday morning, Otto Koch, a prominent and well known Chesterfield farmer, has not been seen or heard from by his family or by any of his friends. Stranger still a team which the missing man drove to town has also disappeared and not a trace of either can be found.

Koch recently fell heir to considerable property through the death of his father. He is the owner of a fine farm on Hopkins Road, three miles from this city and is well to do. He left home in fine spirits after planning with his wife to use the dividends amounting to \$265, for improvements on the homestead. He was driving a mule hitched to a light wagon. He was last seen leaving the bank headed homeward.

Koch is thirty-five years of age. He has been married for several years and has two children. His domestic life is said to have been ideal. Mrs. Koch is prostrated by his strange absence.

INDRAKUALA IS LIBELED.

Owners and Crew of Luckenbach Demand \$225,000 Damages.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 18.—Claiming \$225,000 damages as the result of the recent collision between the American steamer Julia Luckenbach and the British steamer Indrakuala, owners of the Luckenbach, her surviving officers and crew and her charterers have filed libel against the Indrakuala in the United States Court here.

It is charged that the Indrakuala was proceeding at an excessive rate of speed when she crashed into the Luckenbach; that she was not sounding fog signals, as required by law; that no sufficient lookout was maintained; that the engines of the Indrakuala were not slowed or stopped in time to prevent the collision; that the Indrakuala did not stand by after the collision, and that the Indrakuala was in charge of incompetent persons who were negligent in the performance of their duties.

The libellants ask the court to seize and sell the Indrakuala, which is now at Newport News, to pay the damages with interest and costs of court.

After examining Captain Smith and the engine room force of the British steamer Indrakuala, United States Steamboat Inspectors Tapley and Bray yesterday at Newport News, adjourned their investigation into the collision between the Indrakuala and the Julia Luckenbach to Norfolk. Captain Newkirk, of the Maryland Pilot Association, and the survivors of the Luckenbach are the only witnesses to be heard now.

It was said yesterday that the inquiry into the collision will be concluded next week and a report will be made to Inspector General Uhler, at Washington. It is pointed out that even if Captain Smith is held to blame there is nothing that the inspectors can do except to report the matter to the British Board of Trade, as was done in the Titanic disaster.

CLAUDE ALLEN'S SWEETHEART.

Young Woman Optimistic And Believes His Life Will be Spared.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—"Something told me the governor would give Claude another chance—and now I believe his life will be spared," said Miss Nellie Wisler, Claude Allen's sweetheart, as she hurried from the train to the cell of the young Hillsville mountaineer today. With his father, Floyd Allen, Claude was to have been electrocuted at dawn yesterday for participation in the murders at Judge Massie's courtroom, had not Governor Mann granted a reprieve yesterday afternoon.

Miss Wisler came from Pulaski to cheer up her sweetheart. She expresses confidence that the two mountaineers would obtain a retrial.

Suit Against Railroad Company.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 18.—United States District Attorney D. Lawrence Groner, acting on behalf of the government, has instituted action against the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, claiming \$4,000 in forfeit for alleged violation of the federal railway safety laws.

The declaration filed in the procedure sets out eight cases in which it is charged that employees of the Norfolk Southern operating Virginia Beach electric cars were employed more than sixteen hours continuously during the day, thus making them under the law unfit for service in operating cars used for public or other purposes.

13 HAS NO FEAR FOR HIM.

Roanoke Man, Born and Married on 13th Now Gets Auto License No. Thirteen.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 18.—One man in Virginia who certainly does not regard the number 13 with superstitious horror has been found by Chief Clerk James M. Hayes, Jr., of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

More than two months ago W. C. Stephenson, of Roanoke, wrote to Mr. Hayes asking that automobile license be reserved for him for 1913, if possible. Not only was this done, but Mr. Hayes gave Mr. Stephenson chauffeur's license No. 1313.

In making his unusual request for the unlucky number, Mr. Stephenson recited the mysterious course which it has worked through his life. He was born on the thirteenth of the month. The street number of the house in which he is living is thirteen, and when the telephone company installed his telephone, the number thirteen was again signed to him. To cap the climax, when he went to New York recently, the hotel clerk showed him to room No. 1313 on the 13th floor.

NO ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAINS.

Railway Detective Denies Story Told By Operator.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 18.—When Southern Railway Detective Eagle made his report today to the detective department of his company at Washington, he stated in plain language that there was nothing to the story told by Telegraph Operator Thomas O. Acree, regarding an attempt to wreck trains No. 41 and No. 37 by placing a green oak crossie on the track Tuesday morning between Dumfries and Montview, and which he found just in time to remove before No. 41 came around the curve.

The investigation of Detective Eagle and others have been pretty thorough, and the detective stated that there was but little doubt in his mind that the newspapers had been misled. Several years ago, Acree did find a tremendous boulder upon the tracks of the C & O., and was rewarded by being promised a pass over that line whenever he wanted it. It is the opinion of the detective that he desired similar notoriety again.

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON.

Mrs. East, Convicted at Wytheville, Given 1 1/2 Year Term.

Wytheville, Va., Jan. 18.—A jury in Wythe Circuit Court rendered a verdict of guilty yesterday in the case of the State against Mrs. Sarah East, fixing her punishment a 1 1/2 years in the penitentiary.

She was convicted of brutally whipping her adopted daughter, Maud Levisie, 13 years old. Attending physicians testified that there were hundreds of cuts and bruises on the body of the child.

Mrs. East has been living in Roanoke. The child came from West Virginia.

Raised Check.

Danville, Va., Jan. 18.—An unknown check-raiser, operating in this city, pulled off a smooth piece of work yesterday morning when he came into possession of a bearer check for \$111, raised it to \$211 and successfully cashed it at a local saloon. The man wore overalls and was aged about twenty.

The only clew the police have to work on is that Brady Wilson, a Hainesville farmer, received the check several days ago, and coming to Danville with a load of tobacco, thinks he must have lost it on the way here. He discovered his loss late this morning and telephoned to the bank to stop it, but was too late.

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MISS LEE TO GIVE CROSSES.

Old Soldiers to be Honored by Daughter of Their Chief.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—Miss Mary Custis Lee, the only surviving daughter of General Robert E. Lee, was tendered a reception last night at 8:30 o'clock by the Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the Home for Needy Confederate Women, No. 3, East Grace street.

A musical program was carried out and refreshments were served. During the evening Miss Lee distributed crosses to a number of veterans.

At the close, Miss Lee, who has been elected honorary president of Lee Chapter, was presented with a medallion of office, on which is a bust of General Lee in base relief draped with the five flags of the Confederacy.

Miss Lee, and those at the reception their to the Soldiers Home, where the soldiers who had an opportunity to meet and shake hands with the daughter of their chief.

WANTED TO BE BROUGHT BACK.

Last Request of 'Old Negro' From California.

Farmville, Va., Jan. 18.—Loyalty to Virginia was strikingly emphasized when the body of an aged colored woman, who died in California, reached here by express for burial. Her dying request was her body should rest, in the soil of Virginia, and survivors have respected her last will and testament. The basket was of unusual fineness and the express charges were \$154.50. And with it came a telegram directing proper burial, costs to follow. No relatives of the deceased have been located nor any who remembered her, and yet she sleeps in Virginia soil. The heart untraveled never left the State she loved.

BABY USED AS FOOTBALL.

Infant Survives And Has Fighting Chance for Life.

New York Jan. 18.—A baby boy, several hours old, was used as a football in a vacant lot in Brooklyn yesterday. The infant was wrapped in a shoe box and abandoned in the lot and the playing children, without stopping to investigate, threw and kicked the box from end of the lot to the other. Finally the string broke and the little body tumbled out onto the dirt. With shrieks of horror the children fled and policeman who investigated rushed the infant to the Hamilton Avenue Station. There Dr. Schulman, hastily summoned from the Long Island City Hospital first pronounced the baby dead. Then he worked over it for two hours, revived life and at latest accounts the baby, named Hamilton Huntington from the street corners where he was found, had an excellent chance for life.

Bluebirds and Robins Out.

Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 18.—This part of the Valley of Virginia is experiencing unprecedented weather for January. Bluebirds and robins have appeared. In the county Thursday a moccasin snake ventured from its winter quarters and was quickly dispatched. Near Massanetta Springs dandelions are in bloom.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the S. S. Shedd & Bro., Co., will be held at the principal office of the Company 111 South Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, to elect directors for the ensuing year.
J. P. EVANS, Secty.
Dec. 31-t-d.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Building & Loan Association, Inc., will be held in the directors room in the Alexandria National Bank building, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, January 14, 1913.
C. PAGE WALLER, Jr., Secty.
31 5t.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake Bldg. Association will be held at Rooms 1 and 2 Alexandria National Bank building, on Thursday, January 16, 1913, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business of the corporation as may be brought before the meeting.
JAMES H. HAYDEN, Secty.
Chesapeake Bldg. Association.
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Stockholders Meeting.

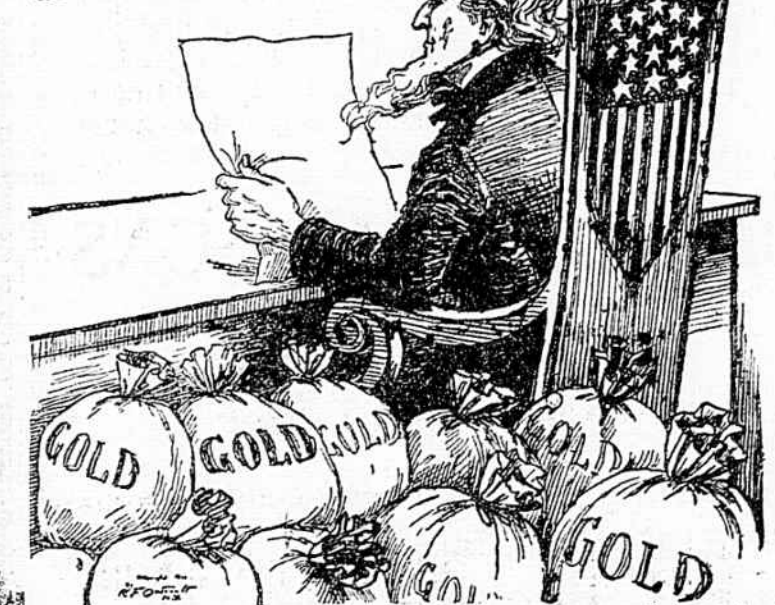
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the German Co-Operative Building Association, No. 5, all series will be held Thursday, January 9, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at their office, 612 King Street.
JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Secty.
30-t-d.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 14, 1913, at 10 30 A. M.

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CHARLES D. WALCOTT, President.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the MacLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 14th, 1913, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A. M. McLACHLEN, President.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Mangane Corporation will be held at the office of the Company, 107 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1913, at eleven (11) o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

L. M. LARKIN, Asst. Sec.
26 d 12t.

NOTICE.

The regular meeting of the stockholders of the Lyndhurst and Sherando Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, 107 North Fairfax street, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at eleven-thirty (11:30) o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

L. M. LARKIN, Asst. Sec.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company will be held at the principal office of the company, 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, January 20, 1913, at 1 P. M., to elect directors for the ensuing year.

R. D. MARSHALL Sec. & Treas.

Annual Meeting.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Fairfax Co., Va., will be held at the company's office, corner Royal and Prince streets, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, January 13th, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JAMES W. ROBERTS, Prest.
16 td

Bordeaux—Marcelin Ader, a young painter, invited a score of his friends to a banquet, and after a jolly evening blew out his brains in the presence of his guests.